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Iran

Mahdavi-Kani Cabinet--Tehran radio reported that Prime Minister Mohammad Reza Mahdavi-Kani's proposed cabinet was presented to the Majlis for its approval. In his letter to the Majlis, broadcast by the radio, the prime minister said the members of the new government are the same as the preceding one and that the policy of the new government will likewise be the same. However, comparison of the Cabinet list proposed by Mahdavi-Kani with earlier Tehran radio reports on the previous government's composition reveals there are three new proposed Cabinet members: Seyyed Kamaleddin Nikravesh, Mohammad Hadinezhad-Hoseyniyan and Hasan Ghafuri.

Statements on Assassinations--According to Tehran radio, the Foreign Ministry has issued a statement on neutralization of anti-Iranian conspiracies by the Iranian people. The statement reminded citizens that the assassinations of President Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i and Prime Minister Javad Bahonar are "linked" to an "attack" by the U.S. mass media, presumably against Iran, and adds that "the hands of the arch-Satan United States have emerged from the sleeves" of the Mojahedin-e Khalq. Continuing, the statement claims that France, the United States and their allies are trying to regain their former influence in Iran through dealings with the Mojahedin-e Khalq and liberals.

In an interview carried by the radio, Prime Minister Mahdavi-Kani contended that investigations into the 30 August Prime Ministry building bombing have shown that foreign agents were involved. He warned that enemies of Iran are trying to use character assassination as well as physical assassination to destroy the government, noting rumors that individuals in responsible government posts had a hand in the assassinations.

Arrests, Attacks--Tehran radio said that in the past few days more than 90 leftists and counterrevolutionaries have been arrested in cities throughout the nation. According to Ahvaz radio, 28 members of the Mojahedin-e Khalq and Peykar were arrested in Hendijan District. Citing JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI, AFP reported that Morteza Khodadi, a clerical supporter of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni from the Caspian port of Bandar-e Anzali, was assassinated in his sleep. The clandestine Voice of Iranian Kordestan radio said the Mojahedin-e Khalq made an unsuccessful bid to capture the radio and television center in Tehran on 1 September.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

Tehran radio carried an interview with a revolution guards spokesman who said that Iraqi forces had suffered more than 150 killed as a result of recent fighting on the Karkheh Kur front. He added that operations on the Allah Akbar front left 10 Iraqi tanks destroyed. Ahvaz radio reported that Iranian attacks north of Susangerd destroyed about 30 enemy tanks and personnel carriers. According to an Iraqi Armed Forces General Command communique, carried by Baghdad's Voice of Masses radio, Iranian losses in the Sar-e Pol-e Zahab region included 412 dead and 22 tanks destroyed. The communique also noted the downing of two Iranian fighter planes in the southern region. INA later cited a military source as saying Iraq had killed more than 1,000 Iranians in the Sar-e Pol-e Zahab region.

Gulf Cooperation Council

In a communique issued at the close of its first session in At-Ta'if, transmitted by SPA, the Gulf Cooperation Council's Ministerial Council asserted that the security and stability of the Gulf are the responsibility of its states alone, expressed opposition to attempts by the great powers to intervene in Gulf affairs and denounced attempts by "other forces" to gain a position in the Gulf from which to threaten its security and sovereignty. The communique said the council had reviewed Saudi Crown Prince Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz's formula for a solution to the Middle East problem and decided to submit Fahd's principles to the next Arab summit conference in order to establish a unified Arab stand. The council also expressed its readiness to help bring about a negotiated end to the Iran-Iraq war and condemned Iran's detention of a ship that had been sailing in Gulf waters.

SPA reported that Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Sa'ud al-Faysal ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz told a press conference that the Ministerial Council session had been successful and would benefit the states and peoples of the region. Emphasizing the need for stability in the Gulf, Prince Sa'ud stressed the importance of security cooperation among Gulf states to protect the region from the dangers surrounding it. He also noted that Gulf Cooperation Council states will make efforts to confront hostile propaganda campaigns, and that they will hold further discussions about the establishment of a unified Gulf currency. According to EMIRATES NEWS AGENCY, UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid 'Abdallah said the council meeting achieved good results, particularly in promoting economic cooperation among member countries.

Libya-Ethiopia-PDRY Treaty

Addis Ababa radio broadcast the text of the tripartite cooperation treaty, signed in Aden on 20 August by the leaders of Libya, Ethiopia and the PDRY. According to Article 16, the three parties are pledged to mutual assistance against aggression "since an aggression against one shall be considered an aggression directed against all the signatory parties."

Lebanon

Lebanese Front Statements--The Lebanese Front issued a statement, broadcast by Beirut radio, that expressed approval of its army command's letter to President Ilyas Sarkis declaring its commitment not to enter into any dealings with Israel. Asserting that the subject of the front's relations with Israel is now closed, the statement appealed to the Arab followup committee to continue its mission and asserted that the front is prepared to embark on "any dialogue" with the followup committee.

Reacting to Libyan leader Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi's call for a Libyan initiative to restore peace in Lebanon, Lebanese Front Military Commander Bashir al-Jumayyil issued a statement, reported by Voice of Lebanon radio, in which he welcomed Al-Qadhdhafi's "good intentions" and expressed hope that the Libyan leader would visit Lebanon to exchange views with the Lebanese Front. However, Al-Jumayyil strongly rejected Al-Qadhdhafi's call for a purge of "traitors" from the Lebanese Front.

Arms Supplies--AFP, citing the daily AL-LIWA', reported that the PRC has furnished the PLO with large quantities of heavy weapons. China's agreement to provide such weapons follows high-level talks between the PLO and Beijing, the report said. Meanwhile, SANA cited AN-NIDA' as reporting that the Lebanese Front forces have recently received three tanks from Israel.

Egypt

An Interior Ministry statement, carried by MENA, disclosed the arrest a number of Muslims and Christians responsible for inciting recent sectarian unrest. Asserting that these elements had "gone to excesses in their irresponsible and suspicious actions under the cover of religion," the statement noted that President Anwar as-Sadat will "explain all the facts about this issue" in a forthcoming speech.

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U.S. TRIES 'POLITICAL BLUFF' AGAINST DRA

LD030650 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0415 GMT 3 Sep 81

["Muddle-Headed Pupils From the State Department"--BAKHTAR headline]

[Text] Kabul, 2 Sep (BAKHTAR)--The political observer of the BAKHTAR News Agency writes: The United States stubbornly proceeds with their policy of political bluff in respect to the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. This time the State Department found nothing better than to demand from its Western European allies to end the flights of their air companies' liners to Kabul and to cancel the flights of the Afghani national carrier "Ariana" to the Western capitals. As the newspaper INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE informs, "the wise guys from the External Affairs Department try to substantiate this demand by the mythical 'support of the international terrorism' on the part of the DRA."

First, what is worth noting in this respect is Washington's impudent way of treating its Western European partners. It is evident to everybody that the right of choice where to fly and which country's planes to grant permission to land is in the competence of certain air companies and their governments and is not the prerogative of the American State Department. Any attempt to impose somebody's will in this sense has got quite a fixed term: the unceremonious interference with the internal affairs of the other states.

Second, this is the scandalous violation of the sovereign rights of Afghanistan from one side and, from the other, the flagrant bid to undermine the whole system of the international air transportation using the dubious methods of determining who can be a part of it and who must be excluded from the system under most false and far-fetched pretexts.

Third, the position of the Afghani leadership before and after the case of the Pakistani plane is well-known and extremely clear: Afghanistan denounces the air piracy in all its forms, including the terrorist attack of the American fighters on the Libyan planes recently, the arrest and frisking by force of the Soviet liner in the New York airport and all other pirate actions of the American authorities of the kind.

And fourth, life has repeatedly and sternly taught the blockheads from the State Department that the idea of imposing various types of boycotts on anybody is far from popular these days. What did Washington's attempt to strangle Iran in the noose of the economic embargo result in? And the plans to boycott the Olympic games in Moscow? Only in international shame for the American boycotters. It is high time the gentlemen from the State Department came to their senses, had a look around them and realized that the world consists not only of the USA and their accomplices ready on a sign from behind the ocean to do everything that they are ordered to. However, one must admit, there is little hope the State Department would do that--it is not the sad lessons of the past that determine the Reagan administration's policy, but a thirst for the domination over the world through the military power. They in the USA, it seems, forgot that the same thirst brought some people to the dock of the military criminals in Nuremberg, and this is also a lesson of history.

BRIEFS

DELEGATION RETURNS FROM USSR--A delegation of the party Control Commission of the PDPA Central Committee, headed by Aziz Majidzada, vice chairman of the commission, returned home today after a friendly visit to the USSR. The delegation had gone to the USSR at the invitation of the USSR party authorities. [Text] [Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1730 GMT 2 Sep 81 LD]

COURT-MARTIALED OFFICERS WIN STAY OF EXECUTION

BK031018 Hong Kong AFP in English 1012 GMT 3 Sep 81

[Text] Dacca, 3 Sep (AFP)--A high court bench in Dacca today issued an interim order for temporary stay of the executions of the 12 army officers who were sentenced to death by a general court martial last month for the mutiny and killing of President Ziaur Rahman on May 30 this year.

The two-member court of judges on prayer from the families of the convicted officers ranging from brigadier to lieutenant issued the order this morning to withhold the execution till hearing of the writ petitions by the court was complete. The court met briefly to hear the petitions and issued the ad-interim orders before adjourning the session till this afternoon.

Earlier press reports said the Acting President Justice Abdus Sattar, who is also commander in chief of the armed forces, had rejected the mercy pleas made by the families of the condemned officers. This implied that unless last-minute legal complications arose, the death sentence against the 12 would be executed by hanging within a week since Monday when the rejection was reportedly conveyed to their families.

However, nothing has been said officially so far about the rejection of mercy petitions of hanging.

Meanwhile, informed sources today denied reports in a section of foreign news media that the death sentences had been carried out against the condemned officers who were among 31 armed personnel tried by a seven-member court martial in July last. The sources who preferred to remain unidentified however did not give any other detail.

BORDER CORRIDOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIA CONTINUE

BK290957 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 28 Aug 81

[Text] A Foreign Office spokesman said in Dacca today that a draft for leasing Tin Bigha to Bangladesh as a corridor with its enclaves Dahogram and Angarpota is currently under negotiation between the Governments of India and Bangladesh. The spokesman was replying to a question about the circuitous route taken by the Bangladesh Red Cross team for emergency supplies to Dahogram and Angarpota and the position of Bangladesh on the passage through Tin Bigha under the 1974 land boundary agreement between the two countries. He said under the terms of the agreement India is committed to lease out the Tin Bigha in perpetuity to Bangladesh for free passage between the mainland and the Dahogram enclave.

The spokesman said the Bangladesh Government is pursuing the matter actively and vigorously with the Indian Government.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER LEAVES ON VISIT TO IRAQ

BK300927 Dacca Overseas Service in English 0445 GMT 30 Aug 81

[Text] Deputy Prime Minister Jamaluddin Ahmed has gone to Baghdad on a 2-day visit to Iraq. During his stay there, he will discuss matters of bilateral interests with the Iraqi leaders. It may be recalled that Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq Taha Yasin Ramadan visited Bangladesh in May last.

DEFENSE MINISTER CLAIMS PAKISTAN HAS PRC WARPLANES

BK021116 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1000 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Text] Union Minister of State for Defense Shivraj Patil informed the lower house of Parliament in New Delhi that Pakistan has got F-16 [as heard] warplanes from China. The exact number of such aircraft supplied is not known. Patil said the government is taking cognizance of this in the defense preparedness.

The house was also informed there had been three violations of Indian airspace by Pakistan aircraft after the recent visit of External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao in Islamabad.

In a written reply, the minister of state for defense said that the Government of India has lodged protests with the Pakistan Government and has asked to take necessary precautions for preventing a recurrence of such incidents.

GRIFFIN'S APPOINTMENT IN U.S. EMBASSY NOT ACCEPTED

BK021611 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Text] India has told the United States that the posting of Mr George Griffin to the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi as political counsel or is not acceptable. The All India Radio correspondent learned that this is because of Mr Griffin's alleged intelligence connections and his difficult attitude toward India. Our correspondent also understands that Griffin, who was earlier No 2 in the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, frequently visited New Delhi and gave biased briefings on the developments in Afghanistan.

Responding to queries, an External Affairs Ministry spokesman said in New Delhi today that the government has asked for the reassignment of Mr Griffin after due deliberation and careful evaluation of his activities during his previous postings in India and the subcontinent over a period of years.

He said it is incorrect to suggest that views and information or pronouncements made by any other country played a part in India's decision. The spokesman clarified that no outisde views and pronouncements had anything to do with it. He said the Government of India resents any such conclusion or insinuation. He pointed out that India's motivation is to avoid unnecessary friction being introduced into the bilateral relations with the United States which New Delhi values and has always sought to strengthen.

Meanwhile, according to AP, the United States has refused to accept a senior Indian diplomat after New Delhi objected to the posting of Mr Griffin.

NINE KILLED, THREE WOUNDED IN MANIPUR AMBUSH

BK021322 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Text] In Manipur, nine persons were killed and three others injured when two vehicles of the (Loktak) project were ambushed at about 9 km from the project site yesterday. Three of the dead were civilians and six others were from the security forces.

DETAILS OF PRESIDENT HAQ'S 2 SEP PRESS CONFERENCE

BK030813 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Excerpts] President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq has reiterated Pakistan's policy of seeking friendly relations with all countries, particularly its neighbors and those in the region on the basis of peaceful coexistence and noninterference in the affairs of each other. Addressing a news conference in Karachi this afternoon, he said: We have very close relations with the brotherly Islamic countries. He particularly mentioned Iran, with which Pakistan has always had very friendly ties. The president added Iran is passing through a very difficult time and he wished its leaders' success in overcoming these difficulties and consolidating the country.

About Afghanistan, the president said Pakistan wanted to have good relations with that country also, but made it clear that there will be no compromise on principles. He said they were working toward a political settlement of the Afghanistan crisis. They want a political settlement in which Pakistan, Iran and the political party of Afghanistan should participate in tripartite talks under the United Nations auspices. The president said it is their observation that the present regime in Afghanistan and the Soviet Union also desire a political settlement.

The president said the process of normalization of relations with India is continuing, but they want to go a step further and cultivate good relations with its neighbor. Undoubtedly, he added, there are difficulties in this process and there is the problem of Kashmir, trade and travel. Nevertheless, they have pursued a liberal and open-door policy which, to a great extent, is unilateral. He hoped this policy will strike a responsive cord in India. He said: We offer peace, the hand of friendship and policy of live and let live.

Replying to a question on a spate of critical statements by Indian leaders on Pakistan acquiring arms, the president said they have tried to convince them of Pakistan's legitimate defense needs. Pakistan's right to acquire arms was even conceded by India in the joint statement issued at the end of the Indian foreign minister's recent visit to Pakistan. Indian leaders do acknowledge that a strong and united Pakistan is in the interest of India and the whole region. The president said he fails to understand why India is making so much hue and cry on Pakistan's arms purchases and economic assistance package with the United States. Pakistan never raised the question of India acquiring huge quantities of military hardware and sophisticated aircraft from the Soviet Union, Britain and France. It is not our concern. Similarly, India should not raise its finger on our defense efforts.

When asked by an Indian newsmen if by acquiring American arms Pakistan will become involved in superpower rivalry in the region, the president posed a counter-question that if India with its (?inclination), attachment and close links with the Soviet Union does not become a puppet of the Soviet Union, how can Pakistan get involved in American interests in the region. We believe that this propaganda is being carried out for a certain purpose. He told the questioner that they were working out the modalities for the purchase of arms from the United States and have put certain questions to the American Government. He, however, said so far as the principles are concerned there is not much disagreement on them. He said: The supply of F-16 aircraft is [words indistinct] of American credibility for us.

President Mohammad Ziaul Haq referred to the Pakistan steel mills, which he inqugurated on Monday, as a prestigious institution which will play a positive role in the country's economy. He thanked the Soviet Union for its assistance in building the steel mills and said Pakistan will welcome cooperation from any country in the economic field.

The president said his government will introduce Islamic laws i the country step by step to effect an orderly changeover. Efforts are being made to improve the judicial system and organize it on Islamic principles so that the people could get speedy justice.

Replying to a question, he said although the preamble and some other causes of the 1973 Constitution are Islamic, they have found some reservations in the operational clauses which have to be removed. He said one or two basic amendments will be made in the Constitution for the enforcement of Islamic order.

KARACHI STEEL MILLS WORKERS AGITATE FOR WAGES

BK030705 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 3 Sep 81

[Text] A press note issued by the Karachi deputy commissioner last night says that workers of the Pakistan steel mills yesterday gathered at the intersection of the national highway and the steel mills road. They stopped all traffic going toward the mills and on the national highway. They were demanding a bonus equivalent to 1 month's salary and an annual promotion for all workers. The workers action caused many problems and loss of valuable time. A police squad which was sent to control the situation was also stopped and the unruly crowd threw stones at the policemen, resulting in damage to vehicles. The crowd also hurled insults at the deputy superintendent of police. The police fired at the ground in self-defense. Two workers were injured when a few bullets ricochetted off the ground and hit them in the legs. They were rushed to the hospital and were later pronounced out of danger.

The administration tried for many hours to convince labor leaders to adopt civilized behavior, but they refused to do so and demanded the announcement of 1-month bonus and an annual promotion. The workers demanded the bonus and annual promotion despite President Mohammad Ziaul Haq's announcement during the inauguration of the Karachi steel mills on last Monday [31 August] that the workers welfare funds would be granted 10 million rupees.

The press note adds that the workers finally dispersed on the assurance by the local administration that talks with the workers' representatives on their demands will be held today.

MAHDAVI-KANI PRESENTS PROPOSED CABINET TO MAJLIS

LD021825 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Excerpts] According to a Central News Unit report, the Islamic Consultative Assembly held an open session this afternoon chaired by Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani. During the session, a letter addressed to the Majlis from Prime Minister Mohammad Reza Mahdavi-Kani presenting members of the Cabinet was read out by the speaker of the Majlis as follows:

In His exalted name.

Islamic Consultative Assembly:

In implementing principle 133 of the Constitution and in light of article 179 of the Majlis Constitution, the following names of the members of the Cabinet which have been approved by the Interim Presidential Council are submitted to the honorable Majlis for votes of confidence.

Since members of this government were in charge of the same duties in the Cabinet of our martyred Brother Hojjat ol-Eslam Dr Mohammad Javad Bahonar, the policy of the government will therefore be the same as that which was submitted to the Islamic Consultative Assembly on the presentation of the former Cabinet.

[Signed] Mohammad Reza Mahdavi-Kani, prime minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran

The names of the Cabinet ministers are:

Mohammad Shahab-Gonabadi, housing and urban development;
'Ali Asghar Parvaresh, education and training;
Seyyed Kamaleddin Nikravesh, interior;
Dr Mohammad 'Ali Najafi, higher education and culture;
Behzad Nabavi, state in charge of executive affairs;
Engineer Seyyed Mohammad Gharazi, oil;
Seyyed Mohammad Asghari, justice;
Engineer Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, foreign affairs;
Col Seyyed Musa Namju, defense;
Engineer Seyyed Hoseyn Musavian, state in charge of the National Steel Company;
Engineer Seyyed Mostafa Hashemi, industries and mines;
Dr Hadi Manafi, health;
'Abolmajid Ma'adikhah, Islamic guidance;
Engineer Morteza Nabavi, post, telegraph and telephone;
Dr Mahmud Rohani, state in charge of welfare organization;
Habibollah 'Asgar-Owladi Mosalman, commerce;
Dr Mohammad Taqi Banki, state in charge of the Plan and Budget Organization;
Mohammad Mir-Mohammad-Sadeqi, labor and social affairs;
Mohammad Salamati, agriculture;
Dr Hoseyn Namazi, economy and finance;
Mohammad Hadinezhad-Hoseyniyan, roads and transport; and
Hasan Ghafuri, energy.

Cabinet Approved

LD031046 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 3 Sep 81

[Text] In its open session today the Islamic Consultative Assembly gave an overwhelming vote of confidence to the government of Mr Mahdavi-Kani.

At the open session of the Majlis today the prime minister said: Our government is a strong government and we are constantly in a state of preparedness, and as long as we are alive we will work.

AFP on Vote

NC030928 Paris AFP in English 0925 GMT 3 Sep 81

[Text] Tehran, 3 Sep (AFP)--The Iranian parliament today approved the 22-man Cabinet proposed by the new prime minister, Hojjat ol-Eslam Mohammad Reza Mahdavi-Kani.

The Majlis approved the Cabinet list by 170 to four in an open vote, with four blank ballots. Nine MP's present did not participate in the vote.

Before the vote, Majlis members rejected a call by Hojjat ol-Eslam Mahdavi-Kani to confirm his Cabinet without debate.

"I ask you to vote immediately, without debate, so we can immediately go to work," Hojjat ol-Eslam Mahdavi-Kani said after a short speech. But his request was met with laughter, and discussion began immediately.

The new prime minister himself was confirmed without debate yesterday. But on August 17 parliament discussed the last Cabinet, submitted by the late Prime Minister Hojjat ol-Eslam Mohammad Javad Bahonar, for several hours.

Hojjat ol-Eslam Bahonar and President Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i were killed Sunday in a bomb blast at the prime minister's office.

Ten speakers, five in favor of the Cabinet list and five opposed, were given 30 minutes each to address the parliament.

Two of the first three criticized Hojjat ol-Eslam Mahdavi-Kani's record as interior minister, a post he took in February 1980. They also condemned his chosen successor, Tehran Mayor Kamaleddin Nikravesh.

The new prime minister advocated a new, more centralized government, concentrating powers heretofore split among various revolutionary groups, to solve what he termed Iran's three most pressing problems--the war with Iraq, internal security and the economy.

As the debate opened, Ayatollah Mohammad Saduqi, prosecutor in Iran's revolutionary courts, was quoted as saying Iran would lose all "people of worth" within a few months, unless more effective security measures were taken.

In a message of condolence for the deaths of President Raja'i and Prime Minister Bahonar, published in the daily ISLAMIC REPUBLIC and addressed to the speaker of parliament, Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi-Rafsanjani, he asked: "How is it that those responsible for security are in such a sleep of negligence?"

"If they were not capable of ensuring the safety of personalities or of the people they should admit it, so an appeal could be made to young Moslem revolutionaries who were ready to carry out such mission," his message said.

MAHDAVI-KANI INTERVIEWED ON PLANS, SECURITY

LD022110 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Central News Unit correspondent's "exclusive" interview with Prime Minister Mahdavi-Kani, announced as being held "today"--place not given--recorded]

[Text] [Question] Mr Prime Minister, what consultations have you had with the Interim Presidential Council concerning the election of a president and when will these elections take place?

[Answer] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. There have been no consultations about this issue yet, but in accordance with the Constitution we have up to 50 days from the day of the martyrdom of the late Raja'i to complete the elections. We hope to be able to carry out this task soon; with the fervor, joy and support shown by the Iranian nation, I can say that these elections will be carried out well, and will disappoint our enemies. We will not become despondent over this issue.

[Question] The important issue you are facing now, an issue you were dealing with before at the Interior Ministry, is the issue of security. Could you please tell us what your plans are on this issue and what (?decision) has been made to protect the lives of the authorities?

[Answer] Of course, security is one of the most important issues and a great deal of attention must be paid to it in the new government's program. We shall pay attention to this problem; in fact, we shall pay more attention to this issue than before. For example, there will be changes in the Interior Ministry and other security departments. Naturally, through coordination with security forces and revolutionary establishments and with the people's help--God willing--security will be restored. But we shall not neglect one point: This is a revolution and there are dangers in a revolution and we must be prepared to face these probable dangers from time to time. These dangers will not divert us from our path. Naturally, a revolution requires sacrifices and martyrdom. But I assure the people that--God willing and with the succor of the Almighty--these problems will soon be solved. When people see these problems, they should not think that the enemy has gained power. In fact, the opposite is true--real power is the power shown by the people. Power is the will of the people and their [word indistinct] support. But the problem is that when the enemy reaches a truly weak position, it tries last-ditch efforts. These efforts might have some superficial effect. But, I assure you that thanks to our belief in God's grace and the special attention of the imam of the era [the 12th Shi'ite imam]--may peace be upon him--the clergy, the sources of imitation, particularly the imam's leadership--may his shadow shade us for a long time, God willing--and through assistance of the people themselves, our problems will soon be solved. God willing, there is no cause for concern.

[Question] Mr Prime Minister, in connection with the same issue--internal security--people are demanding that a strong intelligence system be established, housing and controlling all the country's intelligence resources in one place. What are your plans on this matter?

[Answer] Of course, our intelligence source or, (?in other words), sources of intelligence, are the people themselves. As our martyr brother, the late Raja'i, said: This source has 36 million members. But it is obvious that this source must be centralized and formed into a practical and (?manageable center). This has already been done and it is in the process of completion. We hope to complete it soon and take full advantage of the sincere intelligence sources of the people, God willing.

[Question] Could you please tell us what conclusions you have reached and what investigations you have conducted (?in connection) with the bomb explosion at the Prime Ministry building which resulted in the martyrdom of Mr Raja'i and Mr Bahonar? What investigations have you conducted to identify the person or persons responsible for this incident?

[Answer] A team has been busy investigating this issue for several days and they have reached some useful conclusions. I can now say that foreign agents have had a hand in this incident; but because this is a security problem, I cannot say anything yet. But, God willing, we shall soon bring the result of the investigations to the attention of the honorable Iranian nation.

[Question] Finally, I would like to ask you if you have any messages for the people which you would like to mention in this newscast.

[Answer] In connection with your last question there are rumors spread among the people accusing certain personalities of having had a hand in this incident. As I said in my previous radio interview, the enemy is trying to destroy personalities by various means. One is physical assassination and, if that is not successful, then it will try character assassination. That is, the enemy wants to weaken the people's trust. Recently there have been those who have spread such rumors to blacken our personalities.

I assure the Iranian nation that our honorable personalities in the Cabinet and other responsible governmental authorities have our trust. They have made many sacrifices and will make more. They are at the service of this revolution, and the people should know that these rumors are spread by the fifth column in order to deviate people's attention from the main path or to confuse us. They are attempting to make sure our investigations either reach the wrong conclusion or follow the wrong path.

The message I would like to give to the nation of Iran is this: Naturally, following the tragic martyrdom of our dear Brother Raja'i and our clerical and committed Brother Bahonar, we are distressed with their loss. This should be so; but this sorrow should not make the nation of Iran despondent, should not deter us from our path.

It has not done so, and the people's presence on the scene, as witnessed during the funeral ceremonies throughout Iran, was so effective that even foreign radios announced that any terrorist groups in this country trying to pretend to have a place among the masses can be identified only as terrorist groups having no place in Iranian society or among the Iranian nation. It is a pleasure for us to see that even our enemies have been forced to confess this. This gives us great hope, although we had not lost any hope in the past to start with. We knew ourselves and our nation, and this is now so clear that even our enemies (?admit) it. Therefore, we shall continue our path and the dear nation of Iran must rest assured that this government, under the leadership of the imam, will continue the path of the revolution and the martyrs. I am not despondent. I am full of hope.

When I decided to accept this responsibility, I began by reciting some verses from the Koran. These verses inspire me and give me the hope that soon we are going to guide our ship to the safety of the shore. These verses are in the chapter on Noah. They say that we are sitting in Noah's ark and that it is the ark of safety. Of course, this ark tackles the waves, waves which will soon take us to the shore and will rush us to safety. With these verses, and by (?relying) upon the special favor of the imam of the era--may God's peace and benedictions be upon him--and with the support of this nation, I hope to solve many problems.

Obviously, the nation of Iran, this honorable nation of Iran, our dear compatriots and our committed Muslims know that this government belongs to them, to the whole nation. But, of course, the oppressed have more rights. Naturally, there are more empty places to be filled among the oppressed. When the water flows it fills empty places first. Thus, according to the interpretation of the Koran, which says that a flood sent from God fills empty places first, our oppressed people who have a greater right and who have been more deprived will have the greater share. And this government must pay more attention to the oppressed people, as the imam said at the time of the formation of the late Bahonar's Cabinet.

The people have fulfilled their duties and they will carry out their duties in the future. We also, with succor from God, will serve Islam and the people with all our power.

FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT ON U.S. 'CONSPIRACIES'

LD030121 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, our country's Foreign Ministry has issued the following statement on the great impact of the heroic people of Iran in neutralizing the conspiracies outside our borders and the propaganda staged by the arch-Satan United States and its puppets:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Noble and martyr-nurturing nation of Iran:

No doubt you risen people, from whose way of life and martyrdom humanity derives its meaning, know well that the country's domestic and foreign concerns are so interlinked that it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to separate them. That is why, faithful and revolutionary masses, your confrontations with various issues affect the country's foreign relations, influencing and guiding our foreign policy. In particular, as you have probably noticed, our Islamic revolution has given such hope to the world's oppressed that billions of eyes throughout the world anxiously watch our moves in our great battle against the arch-Satan United States, the regime occupying Jeruslaem and their mercenaries. Therefore, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs feels it necessary to inform you, the heroic nation, of the crushing effects of your firm presence on the scene. As an introduction, it is necessary to remind you of several points, although they are obvious to everyone in our aware nation:

1. There is no doubt that the sudden and extensive attack launched by the mass media of U.S. imperialism and the treacherous assassination of our beloved president and prime minister are inseparably linked. This time the hands of the arch-Satan United States have emerged from the sleeves of the hypocrites [Mojahedin-e Khalq].

2. There is no doubt that French asylum for terrorists and criminals such as Bani-Sadr and Rajavi is clearly and tangibly linked with the pirates and skyjackers. It is not accidental that immediately after the foul murder of the imam's two beloved aides, France's mass media approached Bani-Sadr and Rajavi in order to bring their interpretation of the events to public attention through their mouths.

3. There is no doubt that France and the arch-Satan United States and their allies, on the basis of the false information they have received from the hypocrites, Bani-Sadr, the CIA, Mossad and their intelligence organizations, have imagined that through the infamous liberalism and the eclectic Mojahedin-e Khalq the Western world may return to Iran.

4. It is very clear and obvious that the world devourers do not look upon existence and history in the same way as you, the Muslim nation, do. With their blind hearts they always miscalculate the depth of your faith. They are not familiar with the power of Islam in the same way you are. They cannot experience martydom in the same way you do. They are incapable of interpreting phenomena such as the mother of Tariq ol-Eslam [Peykar member denounced by his mother, who asked the authorities to execute him].

They cannot understand how murders like this will further unite the people rather than divide them, how water will burn things instead of making them wet and how fire will turn into a garden instead of burning. They are ignorant of the permanent and continuous events and their results. They do not understand the meaning of: To God we belong and to him we return [Koranic verse], and are not aware of the implication and meaning of (?Imam Hoseyn's sacrifice). The United States and its agents, ruled by blasphemy, view our country as a delicious morsel to be devoured.

Regarding the above introduction, it is natural that after those beloved ones were martyred and joined the other 72 martyrs and thousands of martyrs of the revolution who are resting in blood in a paradise on which Zahra [prophet Muhammad's daughter], peace be upon her, looks with kindness, they have blown their propaganda horns to say that the Islamic revolution in Iran has reached the end of the line.

But this time the Islamic revolution again showed its miracle and caused the interpreting vulture to panic. This miracle was the presence of millions of risen, angry and committed people in the funeral procession of their beloved ones, which showed that the nation is ready to remain permanently on the scene.

Referring to the people's great move in the funeral procession of the pure bodies of the two martyrs for the cause of Islam, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs points out:

This method of confrontation forced the media which are dependent on Western Zionism to admit with surprise and disbelief that more than 1 million people had taken part in the funeral procession.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs statement goes on: You, the noble nation of Iran, have risen in the name of Islam and for Islam. Your permanent presence on the scene for the implementation of the ideas of the Islamic revolution is as decisive outside our borders as inside them. It will disappoint the world's oppressors outside the country as much as inside. Such action by you and (?your servants) gives strength to all the missions of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran throughout the world to remain firm in their trenches and to defend their belief in the Islamic revolution in spite of the raids carried out almost every day by those deceived by the United States, which take place under the cover of the protection of the [word indistinct] police of the United States and its agents.

The statement notes: Flying the red flag of martyrdom, our nation is still able to destroy the remains of the rotten U.S. roots, which have now appeared in the guise of the hypocrites. (?There will not be any fear) if tens of Raja'i's and Bahonar's lovingly give their lives for Islam. Did the imam of our Islamic nation and the leader of our revolution not say: Our leader is the 13-year-old child who, heedless of danger and with the dignity of a mountain of iron and fire, threw himself under tanks to defend the [word indistinct] of Islam?

IRANIAN ENVOY: FRANCE IMPLICATED IN BOMBING

AU011956 Rome ANSA in English 1927 GMT 1 Sep 81

[Text] Rome, 1 Sep (ANSA)--France is implicated in this week's bomb slaying of Iranian President Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i and Premier Mohammad Javad Bahonar and can only demonstrate its extraneousness to the attack by permitting the extradition of former President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr and the leader of the Mojahedin of the People Mas'ud Rajavi, the Iranian Embassy here warned today.

Speaking with reporters flanked by photographs of Raja'i and Bahonar, embassy spokesman (Hasan Gadiri), charged that the message of solidarity sent by French President Francois Mitterrand after the bomb attack was "an act of hypocrisy". "The proof is that he continues to shelter an assassin like Rajavi", the spokesman asserted.

According to (Gadiri), some Italian political leaders easily give permits for demonstrations supporting "terrorism" in Iran, "but not for demonstrations against United States imperialism".

He also charged that extreme left Italian groups who support Rajavi's Mojahedin of the People, the most powerful guerrilla group operating within Iran, do not realize they are supporting small groups who represent no-one".

He added that, after the slaying of the two Iranian leaders, "other United States plots against the leaders of the Iranian state can be expected", but he echoed Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni's view that, even if all the Iranian M.P.'s are slain, "a further 36 million Iranians would in any case remain" in defense of Iran's Islamic revolution.

"We would certainly not have all these problems if we had decided to seek the support of one or the other of the superpowers", he added, "but we stand by our independence and sovereignty. Our strength is that we are not afraid of either the United States or the Soviet Union, or the union between them".

According to (Gadiri), terrorism in Iran will be defeated in a few months because it has no popular backing, "but is fomented by ex-leaders of the former regime with the support of the United States".

The spokesman also blamed the "exaggerated liberty" maintained after the ouster of the monarchy for letting extreme left and extreme right terrorists organize themselves.

Asked about Iranian attitudes to the United States, (Gadiri) said they were "not dictated by hate, but by facts", citing the seventy thousand Iranians slain by the U.S. backed regime of the shah and the hundreds of thousands mutilated by torture.

"Bani-Sadr was the United States' last hope to get its hands back on Iran", (Gadiri) asserted. "This explains this spread of terrorism. The United States had decided to eliminate the Iranian leaders because this is its only hope to return to Iran".

The Iranian spokesman also polemicised with certain sectors of the international press, and in some cases Italian publications too, for "not speaking objectively of the situation in Iran and Iranian reality".

"They describe Iran as a dictatorship", he said, "but they do not explain that, in three years, there have been eight elections".

"They do not criticize other countries like South Africa, Iraq, and other Arab monarchies where democracy certainly does not exist".

"But there is a reason: oil".

In other points, (Gadiri) denied that there had been "summary executions" in Iran and forecast that Iranian victory in the war with Iraq was "near".

GULF ORGANIZATION CABLES SUPPORT FOR KHOMEYNI

GF011754 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1230 GMT 1 Sep 81

[Text] The Islamic Revolution Organization of the Arabian Peninsula has sent a condolence and benediction cable to Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the nation, on the martyrdom of President Raja'i and Prime Minister Bahonar.

In part, the cable said: "We pledge to God and to you that we will be patient and fortitudinous no matter what the intrigues and liquidations are until there is no more intrigue and until religion becomes all in all for God."

PLO MEMBER MEETS BANI-SADR, RAJAVI IN PARIS

NC011133 Paris AFP in English 1102 GMT 1 Sep 81

[Excerpt] Paris, 1 Sep (AFP)--Hani al-Hasan, member of the Executive Council of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), met ousted Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr and Mas'ud Rajavi, head of the leftist Moslem Peoples Mojahedin, on Sunday and today, sources close to Mr Rajavi said.

Mr al-Hasan met both men "in his official PLO capacity," the sources said, and the main item of discussion was "Tehran's relations with Israel," the sources said.

Ibrahim Sus, PLO representative in Paris, refused to comment on this report. He said that he had not met Mr al-Hasan here.

Al-Hasan on Meeting

NC011854 Paris AFP in English 1841 GMT 1 Sep 81

[Text] Paris, 1 Sep (AFP)--A leading Palestine Liberation Organization official held talks with Iranian People's Mojahedin chief Mas'ud Rajavi today in what observers called a possible first step toward a mediation attempt between the Iranian Government and its domestic opponents.

Hani al-Hasan, a personal adviser to PLO chief Yasir 'Arafat, said after the meeting at Auvers-sur-Oise, outside Paris, that he hoped for a meeting between Mr 'Arafat and Mr Rajavi to end the "blood bath" in Iran.

Mr al-Hasan, the first PLO representative in Tehran after the overthrow of the shah, said his visit was aimed at talks on Iran and the Middle East with the Mojahedin chief and with former Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr.

Observers said his trip marked a new shift in the PLO's attitude on Iran and was a feather in the caps of both the Mojahedin, the major Iranian leftist opposition group, and Mr Bani-Sadr, who had supported the Palestinians while in office.

But in answer to a journalist's question, Mr al-Hasan said the PLO's attitude toward Iran had not changed, adding that "one doesn't need to be an enemy of one side to be friends of other."

Asked if he was conducting a mediation mission, Mr al-Hasan replied: "We are with Iran and the PLO wants to help it. We hope to accomplish something."

The PLO has always supported the Iranian revolution and maintained good relations with Iran. Mr 'Arafat has made several trips to Tehran to meet Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni and other Iranian leaders, as well as Mr Rajavi.

Yesterday the PLO's representative in France, Ibrahim Sus, echoing Palestinian concern at the "civil war" in Iran, said it "allows forces hostile to us to win ground."

Radio Iran on Meeting

NC021528 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran 1330 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Text] Hani al-Hasan, adviser to the leader of the guerrilla Fatah organization, Yasir 'Arafat, met and talked twice with Mas'ud Rajavi and Abolhasan Bani-Sadr during the past 48 hours. It is said that during these meetings Bani-Sadr gave some information to Hani al-Hasan on the secret arms transactions between Israel and the Islamic Republic.

Another report states that the guerrilla Fatah organization is trying to mediate between the Mojahedin-e Khalq and Khomeyni. Hani al-Hasan has expressed the hope that he can soon prepare a meeting between Rajavi and 'Arafat so that joint steps can be taken to stop the bloodbath in Iran. It is worth noting that guerrillas affiliated to the Fatah organization played an effective role during Khomeyni's sedition, the raid on the Tehran garrisons, the plundering of the war materiel from the Iranian Armed Forces and the massacre of our homeland's officers and NCO's on 10 and 11 February 1978.

Meanwhile, many of the Mojahedin-e Khalq were taught methods of armed struggle and terrorist acts in Fatah camps in Lebanon and Syria.

BANI-SADR: KHOMEYNI 'MORE DANGEROUS DEAD'

NC030916 Paris AFP in English 0902 GMT 3 Sep 81

[Text] Copenhagen, 3 Sep (AFP)--The death of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni could lead to a bloody war and might spell the end of Iran, former President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr said in an interview published today in the Danish daily POLITIKEN.

"Ayatollah Khomeyni would be more dangerous dead than he is alive and even if I could give the order to liquidate him I would not do it," he told the newspapers' editor-in-chief, Herbert Pundik.

Speaking at his home near Paris, Mr Bani-Sadr estimated that only ten to 15 percent of the population still supported the regime.

He said Ayatollah Khomeyni preferred the United States to the Soviet Union and only maintained an anti-American stance because he felt the people expected it. "Khomeyni is afraid of public opinion," he said.

Mr Bani-Sadr said the ayatollah had been deceitful about the eligibility of women for the post of president. In Iran he said they were ineligible, and when Mr Bani-Sadr put it to him that he had said the opposite while exiled in Paris, he replied: "Yes, that was in Paris. Now we are in Tehran," the ex-president said.

ACTIVITIES AGAINST MOJAHEDIN-E KHALQ REPORTED

Network Discovered in Shahreza

LD021146 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Text] PARS reports that the Islamic revolution guards, with the assistance of the people of Shahreza, discovered a big hypocrites network and arrested 22 of its members and supporters in this town. An official of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in Shahreza announced: This network included the supporters of the hypocrites organization in Shemiron and Borujen. He added that, according to the evidence discovered, the propaganda budget of this network was 380,000 rials, and each month the supporters received a salary ranging from 4,000 to 90,000 rials.

28 Arrested in Khuzestan

GF021440 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Text] According to a report from the Public Relations Office of the Khuzestan Governor General's Office, 28 hypocrites and Peykaris have been arrested in Hendijan District as a result of cooperation from the people, revolution guards and the committee.

Communal House Discovered

GF021610 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1530 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Text] A communal house belonging to hypocrites has been discovered in Bushehr, and a number of members of minigroups have been arrested. A large amount of printing materials and publications ready for distribution have been seized from this house.

The central headquarters of the sixth district of the Bushehr Islamic Revolution Guard Corps has asked citizens of the province to report information to this headquarters by calling 2016.

33 Summoned in Firuzabad

GF021701 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1530 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Excerpt] In a communique issued today, the Firuzabad Islamic revolution prosecutor has ordered 33 members and supporters of deviating minigroups who are opposing the Islamic Republic of Iran to report to the Firuzabad Islamic Revolution Court 1 week from today. The communique adds that if they do not report on this date, appropriate actions will be taken.

Members Identified, Arrested

LD021822 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Summary] "According to the Central News Unit, the organization of the fighters for the cause of Islam [sazman-e-pekar garan-e rahe-e Eslam] has issued a statement identifying three more Savakists and monarchists. These names, discovered by the 36-million-strong information network, are as follows:

Mohammad Hadi Ruhi, a retired National Iranian Oil Company [NIOC] employee and the NIOC's SAVAK agent; Hormoz Dolatshahi, an active member of SAVAK and a monarchist; and Mohammad Hoseyn Entezari, a SAVAK member, a monarchist, and former director of the imperial newspaper, BAKHTAR, which was closed following the revolution's victory. These three men have participated in all of the demonstrations staged by the hypocrites organization and other anti-God warrior demonstrations.

According to the Central News Unit, a laborer who was a member of the Amol Islamic association, was assassinated on the Amol-Tehran road.

According to PARS, during the past 2 months, about 200 supporters of the hypocrites organization and other minigroups have been arrested in Amol.

Eleven members of an anti-God warrior minigroup were recently arrestedon charges of activity against the Islamic Republic of Iran in Borujerd.

One member of the hypocrites organization was arrested in Durud on charges of involvement in the recent explosions in Durud and armed activity against the Islamic Republic of Iran. Explosives were seized from him.

According to PARS yesterday afternoon two armed motorcyclists attempted to assassinate a number of revolution guards in the Pasdaran Avenue area of Tehran. One of the assailants was injured and arrested; the second assailant fled the scene. One old woman and one revolution guard were injured. They were immediately taken to a hospital.

More Houses Discovered

LD022332 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Text] According to PARS, 8 team houses belonging to supporters of the minigroup Aspirations of the Oppressed were discovered in Dezful, and 15 people were arrested. This group intended to assassinate the Islamic revolution public prosecutor in Dezful, the commander of the guards corps and the city's Majlis deputy. Quantities of arms and ammunition, incendiary devices, duplicating machines, tapes, statements and publications of various groups opposed to the Islamic Republic were seized in these houses. Some foreign exchange and 320,000 rials in cash were also seized in these houses.

According to another report, during the past few days 12 members of minigroups were arrested in Borujerd on charges of distributing leaflets, being active against the Islamic Republic, clashing in streets and possessing explosives. They were handed over to the responsible authorities.

According to PARS, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in Rasht announced that in connection with the assassination of Hojjat ol-Eslam Hamid-Zadeh in Rasht last night, our brother guards became suspicious of a Peykan car with two passengers that they saw at 0130 on 2 September. The guards ordered them to stop, but they fled. After chasing the car for some time, the guards shot and killed one of the counterrevolutionaries. The other counterrevolutionary took advantage of the darkness and fled into the surrounding woods.

According to the Central News Unit, one team house belonging to the hypocrites was discovered in Bushehr and several of the minigroup's members were arrested. Many printing and duplicating machines and statements ready for distribution were seized at this house.

With the cooperation of the 36-million-strong intelligence organization and through the efforts of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in Rasht and Rudsar, in Gilan Province, three team houses were discovered. During searches of these team houses, six hypocrites were arrested and some arms, ammunition and statements ready for distribution were seized.

Members of the guards corps discovered three pipe bombs that had been hidden in front of a house belonging to one of the committed citizens of Rasht.

According to a Central News Unit correspondent in Kerman, thanks to the round-the-clock efforts of the brother guards, several team houses were discovered and several senior members of both the hypocrites organization and Peykar were arrested. According to the same report, responsible elements of the hypocrites' military supply department and individuals who were responsible for throwing pipe bombs at the houses of committed people were arrested. In addition, two main elements responsible for the assassination of guard Brother Hamid Qalambor, political adviser to the governor general of Sistan va Baluchestan, and one of the responsible officials at the sixth district headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps--both of whom gained the status of martyrdom in Kerman last week--were arrested.

CLERGYMAN REPORTED KILLED IN BANDAR-E ANZALI

NC030731 Paris AFP in English 0722 GMT 3 Sep 81

[Text] Tehran, 3 Sep (AFP)--Attackers killed a cleric who represented revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni in the Caspian port of Bandar-e Anzali, while he was asleep, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC newspaper reported today. The attackers, "counter-revolutionary elements," threw grenades into the home of Hojjat ol-Eslam Morteza Khodadi, the newspaper said, adding that "he fell as a martyr in his bed."

The newspaper, which is the voice of the ruling Islamic Republic Party, said Hojjat ol-Eslam Khodadi's wife had a leg amputated after the attack. His son suffered slight injuries, it added.

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC gave no date for the incident, and did not report any arrests. The Hojjat ol-Eslam was involved in modernisation of the Caspian port.

KURDISH RADIO REPORTS ATTACK ON RADIO-TV STATION

TA021605 (Clandestine) Voice of Iranian Kordestan in Persian to Iran 1430 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Text] Our correspondent reports from Tehran that 4 hours ago the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization militia attacked the radio and television station.

The aim of this attack was to seize the center of the Iranian radio and television. However, unfortunately, these operations were unsuccessful. Right now the station is under strict control.

CLERICAL FOUNDATION TO PURGE SHI'ITE ELEMENTS

PM021518 Tehran KEYHAN in Persian 30 Aug 81 p2

[Report on interview with acting head of Iranian Awqaf Organization Mohammad Reza 'Ettemadian: "All Clergymen Who Took Up Employment in the Awqaf Organization After the Imam's Bay Will Be Purged"]

[Text] Acting head of the Awqaf Organization Mohammad Reza 'Ettemadian announced during an interview with KEYHAN that, following ratification of the bill for restoration of human resources and its confirmation by the Council of Guardians, the Awqaf Organization would immediately carry out a purge of all clergymen who took up employment in the organization after the year 1342. He added:

"We are subject to the decisions of the Majlis and the Council of Guardians. The Majlis yesterday ratified section 7 of the bill, dealing with the employment of Shi'ite clergymen in the Awqaf Organization after the imam's ban.

"We are now waiting for the law to be communicated to us so we can implement it."

The acting Awqaf head said there were about 50 clergymen who took up posts after the imam's ban, but that a number had already been purged or retired. He continued:

"In my view, they too will come under this law, that is, they will be deprived of benefits they have been receiving, including their pensions."

He stressed that the law would not include Sunni clergymen.

SHI'ITES' LETTER TO SHARI'ATMADARI BROADCAST

NC280910 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran 1330 GMT 26 Aug 81

[Text] In Radio Iran's second talk, we will read parts of a letter sent by the Shi'ites of Europe and America to His Eminence Ayatollah Shari'atmadari:

To His Eminence Ayatollah Shari'atmadari, leader of the Shi'ites of the world, with great respect: Our religion and correligionists are facing (?a great danger) and we openly see and hear how the foundations of Shi'ite solidarity, and even that of Muslims in general, are strongly shaking.

Under the aegis of the holy name of Islam, a (?group) of adventurists have aimed their aggressions and pressures against Muslims. Those people who (?at the beginning) of the disastrous calamity showed pure religious feelings and good will and thought that they were following the clergy, have now realized that they have been deceived by the demogoguery of a bunch of arbitrary and opportunistic people who have used religion as a pretext and a means to reach their abominable ends.

Life has become difficult for the people. Their cries are rising to the sky. They curse everything and unwillingly curse even their religion and faith. People are repeatedly heard to say: They have taken away our parents' religion from us. If this is Islam, we do not want it.

The ugly behavior and acts of this (?group) has shown the (?emptiness of their promises.

What is definite is that the founders of this calamity do not have a religious motive, but rather only grudges and rancor, which are used (?to fight) the Iranians and the country and to destroy Iran on the orders of the foreigners.

Your Eminence is well aware of the situation and any explanation is unnecessary. You are well aware of how the actions of the pseudoclergy who rule Iran have brought about the disasters which our brother Muslims face today. The prophet of Islam said that the way to propagate and consolidate the religion is through the (?clergy's guidance and logic, not by terrorizing and killing. A Muslim has nothing to do with [words indistinct]. The holy Koran stresses that no one has the right to agress or harass. (?Those who have imposed) themselves on (?the Iranians) and Muslims and are killing [words indistinct] on empty pretexts (?have shown) that they are enemies of God and Islam.

The duty of the Shi'ites under such circumstances is to follow their source of tradition. Only Your Eminence can come to the aid of the people. By declaring a jihad against the enemies of Islam, who are today ruling the lives of Muslims, peace and security can be reestablished. God willing, when the evildoers are uprooted and peace and security return to the Iranian nation, Your Eminence will order a meeting of ulema to discuss the omission of marginal (?topics) that have been added as narratives to the principles of Islam, but which have nothing to do with the principles and beliefs of Islam. The late Ayatollah Borujerdi intended to do this but, unfortunately, his death came too soon.

Political groups and (?parties) which consider belief in God and following religion contrary to their platforms and (?an obstacle) are always trying to find weak points in religion, which they want to exploit to mislead inexperienced youths and draw these youths toward themselves. This threat should be removed and youths should be made immune to wrong analyses and to the designs of ill-wishers.

Bearing in mind the great responsibility which is in front of all of us and hoping for a positive reply to the request of the Shi'ites, we pray to God for Your Eminence's success in defending true Islam.

[Signed] Shi'ites residing in Europe and the United States.

MAJLIS DEBATES ARTICLES OF CIVIL SERVANTS BILL

Articles 17, 19

LD291356 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 29 Aug 81

[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, the Majlis held an open session this morning chaired by Hojjat ol-Eslam 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani.

The meeting, which opened with a recitation of verses from the Koran, continued its deliberations by further debating the proposed bill on civil servants' manpower reconstruction. The meeting, which was also attended by the Council of Guardians, approved two more articles of the bill.

The ratified articles approved by the Majlis today are as follows:

Article 17: In addition to offenses embodied in the previous articles, the following cases are included in the manpower reconstruction law:

1. Situations concerning the taking of a sinful path, cases which are regarded as anti-Islamic by the Muslim community or membership in the organizations whose charters deny the Divine's religion.

2. Smuggling foreign exchange, narcotics and forbidden goods.

3. Employing Shi'ite clergy in the Awqaf Organization following the imam's pronouncement of judgment calling for their banning.

4. Engagement in another governmental post, except teaching posts.

Article 19: Types of punishments are as follows, in the order of their importance and degree:

1. Recorded written reprimand.

2. Reduction of salary and allowances by one-third for a minimum of 1 month and maximum of 1 year.

3. Demotion or change of positions.

4. Suspension from positions held.

5. Demotion of grade or step or both with the maximum of two grades and two steps.

6. Transfer from the place of work for a minimum of 1 year and a maximum of 5 years.

7. Early retirement, providing the employee has served between 15 to 20 years. In such cases, those given early retirement are granted a maximum of 5 years noncontributory service, providing their total years in service, including the maximum 5 years noncontributory, do not exceed 20 years.

8. Retroactive pay in the case of employees with less than 15 years service, and retirement of employees with more than 15 years in service, in accordance with their last organizational position and their years of service.

9. Retirement with demotion of grade, while observing the maximum of two grades stipulated in clause five of this article.

10. Explusion from the ministry or the relevant governmental establishment following payment of pension contributions paid by the expelled person.

11. Permanent ban on employment and engagement in government services and government affiliated establishments.

According to our correspondent, in today's session the Majlis internal committee report concerning the amendment of [word indistinct] in clause two of Article six of the proposed legal bill on the activity of political parties and groups, which has been ruled unconstitutional by the Council of Guardians was discussed and the amendment was approved.

The Majlis open session ended at 1200 and the next session will be convened at 1500.

Articles 21-22

LD292106 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 29 Aug 81

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that the Islamic Majlis held an open session this afternoon. The session, which began at 1520 with recitations from the holy Koran, was chaired by Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani. Debate on the bill on completing the manning of ministries, government organizations and organizations connected with the government were held and three articles of this bill were approved.

During the session, which continued with Mr Musavi-Kho'ini in the chair, deputies spoke for and against the bill and gave their proposals on the points included in the bill. After discussion, the following three articles were approved:

Article 20: Ministers of the former regime beginning June 1963 and Majlis deputies covered by Article 14, Section A, Clause 5 are banned forever from serving in the government or government organizations. Deputies, ministers, ambassadors and governors general of the former regime, as of June 1963, mentioned in Article 14, must retire. If they have committed one of the offenses described in this bill, and if the sentence for that offense is longer than the retirement period, then according to this artaicle they will be condemned to the sentence described in this bill.

Article 21: Managing directors of the security section and its departmental managers are banned forever from government and government affiliated organization posts unless it is proved they have not taken part in any antipopular operations. In such a case the least sentence applicable to them will be retirement.

Article 22: SAVAK agents, personnel who have reported on people or have taken part in antipopular operations are banned forever from government service and service in organizations connected with the government. All other SAVAK agents and employees will be sentenced to one of the sentences described in Article 19, Clause 8 according to the evidence available and the view of the committees investigating their cases.

Note: Those in the holy guise of Shi'ite clergymen who have received money from the defunct SAVAK, or who have taken part in celebrations and meetings held by the monarchical regime and have strengthened the hated former regime by their speeches and praises, or who have (?gone) on Hajj pilgrimage despite the ban imposed by the imam of the nation, are banned from government service and from government-affiliated organizations.

Articles 23-25

LD301336 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 30 Aug 81

[Text] The Islamic Consultative Assembly held an open meeting this morning. According to our correspondent, the meeting opened with some recitals from the Koran under Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani with the participation of the Council of Guardians and adopted the following three articles of the bill dealing with the reorganization of government ministries and departments and government-affiliated agencies:

Article 23: Secretaries of the defunct Rastakhiz Party at provincial and higher levels will be permanently dismissed from government service and service in government-affiliated departments. As for the officials of the party at urban and district levels, they will be retired, at least.

Note 1: Decisions regarding the punishment of the party chiefs, deputies, acting chiefs and secretaries will be made within the framework of commissions and will reflect the party officials' activities.

Note 2: Mere membership in the Rastakhiz Party does not merit punishment.

Article 24: Involvement in freemasonry and similar organizations merits permanent dismissal.

Article 25: Regarding effective activities to support the foundations of the former regime, apart from activities for which punishments have already been stipulated in other laws, the commission will take cognizance of directives to be issued by the Supreme Supervisory Commission, will note the following points in deciding what punishment to apply:

1. Employees' activities during and in the postrevolutionary periods should be taken into account;

2. Employees' activities in their employment environment in excess of their official duties and administrative circulars aimed at strengthening the foundations of the former regime should be examined;

3. If letters of commendation, medals and presentation photographs indicate that employees' effective activities had been directed toward strengthening the foundations of the former regime, this should be noted.

The correspondent's report adds that in today's session, the speaker of the Majlis reiterated some remarks made by a number of MP's in connection with various problems in their constituencies. The meeting ended around noon today. The next meeting will be held at 1500 today.

MUSAVI ON POLICY COORDINATION, DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY

PM020905 Tehran ETTELA'AT in Persian 23 Aug 81 p 7

[Part II of untitled interview with Foreign Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi--date and place not given]

[Excerpt] [Question] Does the Foreign Ministry approve of comments on foreign policy made by persons outside diplomatic channels?

[Answer] This is a free country, and all people may of course express their views on foreign policy. People say what they like, but in practice it is the government and the Foreign Ministry view of foreign policy and international relations that is officially recognized. I do not think that we should try too hard to stop these comments. I think that we should let everyone speak on this topic, but it must be noted that the Islamic Republic's official view is the one which comes from the Foreign Ministry.

We have a further problem: opinions expressed on foreign policy by officials may differ somewhat. This problem existed in former times because of our country's Westward-leaning position, but now that full coordination has been achieved by the various organs of state, and following the assumption of power by those following the genuine line of Islam as well as the imam's line in all the state organs, such instances will begin to decrease, and harmony will emerge.

The Vienna Convention

[Question] What is the Islamic Republic of Iran's view of the Vienna convention on diplomatic relations, which the overthrown imperial regime recognized as binding on Iran as from 14 Esfand 1343 [approximately 1964] and what is your view of section 3 of Article 77 of the convention, which states: "Diplomatic pouches must not be opened or seized?" Does the Islamic Republic of Iran's Foreign Ministry intend to propose changes to certain provisions at an opportune moment?

[Answer] So long as we have no plans, we are obliged to accept the convention as legally binding and to implement it, especially in regard to the instance you give.

The matter of diplomatic pouches has created difficulties for the Foreign Ministry, which is seeking to stabilize its relations with certain countries. I mean that we are regarded as having in some way broken the law. We must overcome this problem somehow, since we have encountered it on a number of occasions.

Incidents which have occurred have been accompanied by much good humor; I do not want to say that there has been any deliberate unpleasantness, but suppose that the charge d'affaires of a given country is stopped and his car is searched; this sort of thing does a great deal of harm to our relations with other countries and leads to the breakdown of the ordinary contacts required for the preservation of the Islamic Republic of Iran's interests.

However, I think that if further explanations were given the problem would to some extent be solved. Now that there is cohesion between the Majlis and the government, and they are fully in accord with the judicial power, the matter may be solved in the short term and incidents reduced to a minimum, but such things do regrettably occur at present.

MUSAVI COMMENTS ON NONALIGNED SUMMIT IN IRAQ

LD030920 Tehran PARS in English 0810 GMT 3 Sep 81

[Text] Tehran, 3 Sep (PARS)--The Foreign affairs minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, said on Tuesday that since the planned convening of the forthcoming non-aligned summit in Iraq was in absolute contradiction with the raison d'etre of [word indistinct], therefore, Iran would not take part in this meeting. Musavi, who was speaking to PARS on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the formation of Non-aligned Movement, added that the movement was in fact formed by the will of the oppressed nations in order to free from the influence of the two poles of oppression and to determine their destinies independently. He remarked that it seemed that in the long run the original dicta of the movement had been changed, enabling the superpowers to infiltrate the movement and to create an atmosphere encouraging inclination towards both the United States and the Soviet Union. He added that there were still some countries which through maintaining negative balance, made efforts to remain independent from both superpowers.

Referring to the convening of the next session of the movement in Iraq, Musavi stressed that when a delegation of representatives of the non-aligned states had come to Iran to discuss the war they were told that Iraq was an aggressor which had imposed the war on Iran. Therefore, such a session could not be held in that country because, if so, it would negate the philosophy [word indistinct] movement and thus Iran would not take part in it. Musavi emphasised that the project for unifying Muslims in a continuous fight against imperialism and Zionism could further promote existing (?healthy) inclinations inthe Non-aligned Movement and that the tendency for the unity of the Muslims could make the peoples pressure the governments of the Islamic world to stay clear of the poles of oppression.

ECONOMIC DELEGATION LEAVES FOR PARIS CONFERENCE

GF011032 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0900 GMT 1 Sep 81

[Text] The Iranian delegation that will attend the international conference for developing countries has left for Paris. It is led by Ahmad 'Azizi, the Foreign Ministry assistant for economic and international affairs, and includes advisers from the Foreign Ministry, the Economy and Finance Ministry and the Central Bank.

AGRICULTURAL DELEGATION RETURNS FROM DPRK

GF011417 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0900 GMT 1 Sep 81

[Text] Mohammad Salamati, the minister of agriculture and urban development, has returned to Tehran after heading the Iranian delegation to the nonaligned states agricultural seminar in the DPRK. Upon his return, the minister said: We have, during our talks with the DPRK officials, agreed on the possibility of strengthening relations with the DPRK, especially in the fields of agriculture and trade. The minister added that the DPRK offer to send a delegation to Iran in order to develop cooperation between the two countries and the possibility of concluding joint agreements in this regard had been welcomed and appreciated by the Iranian delegation.

Noting what the Iranian delegation had said before the seminar, the minister of agriculture and urban development said: All the nonaligned and anti-imperialist states supported the Iranian stand. The head of the Iranian delegation to the above-mentioned seminar declared Iran's objection to the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan. He also denounced the aggression on Iranian territories by the agent Iraqi regime.

It has been reported that the Iraqi delegation to the seminar left the session following this condemnation.

MAJLIS DELEGATION TO HAVANA IPU CONFERENCE NAMED

LD011916 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 1 Sep 81

[Announcement by the Majlis Public Relations Office]

[Text] Following the voting to select the Islamic Republic of Iran's delegation to the forthcoming Havana Interparliamentary conference, eight other deputies were elected. [sentence as heard]

The delegation members are announced as follows:

Mr. Mohammad Emani-Kashani, Kashan deputy; Mr Seyyed Abolfazl Musavi-Tabrizi, Tabriz deputy; Seyyed Mahmoud Do'a'i, Tehran deputy; 'Ali Akbar Nateq-Nuri, Tehran deputy; Seyyed Mohammad Khatami, Ardakan deputy; Fakhreddin Hejazi, Tehran deputy; Dr 'Ali Akbar Velayati, Tehran deputy; Dr Musa Zargar, Shahriyrar deputy; Dr Beyt (?Oushana), Assyrian deputy; Fatollah Mohajerani, Shiraz deputy; 'Ali Mohammad Besharati, Jahrom deputy; 'Ali Agha-Mohammadi, Hamedan deputy; Morteza Albiri, Damavand deputy; Molavi Eshaq Madani, Saravan deputy; and Mrs Gohar al-Shariyeh-Dastgheyb, Tehran deputy.

CONSTRUCTION DELEGATION LEAVES FOR EUROPE

GF021335 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1230 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Text] A delegation headed by the director general of the dam construction and irrigation company left for a number of European countries this afternoon. The delegation is accompanied by a number of dam experts and will hold talks on the technical and economic aspects of modern dam construction.

HIJACKED IRANIAN PLANE RETURNS FROM EGYPT

LD281732 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 28 Aug 81

[Text] The Islamic Air Force Boeing 707 that was hijacked some time ago and taken to Egypt was returned to the country at 1900 today and landed in Tehran.

AFP: 3 IRANIAN GUNBOATS DEPART ALGERIA 2 SEP

NC021618 Paris AFP in English 1555 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Text] Mers el Kebir, Algeria, 2 Sep (AFP)--The three French-built Iranian gunboats that joined up at this western Algerian naval base last Saturday sailed out of port overnight on an unknown course, local sources today reported.

One of the three vessels, the Tabarzin, was hijacked last August 13 by a commando of Iranian oppositionists when off Cadiz on the southern Spanish coast. All three oats had left Cherbourg, northwest France, on the way to Iran on August 1.

The Tabarzin was finally returned to its original Iranian crew after the hijackers gave themselves up to the French Navy off Marseilles on August 19.

The Algerian authorities maintained a strict blackout on the immediate destination of the three gunboats, which were thought most likely to sail through the Suez Canal after a refuelling stop in Libya rather than take the longer route around Africa via the Cape of Good Hope.

JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE 622 REPORTS SUCCESSES

LD021754 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Communique 622 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] Accurate fire executed by the antiaircraft defense units of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran forced five enemy invader aircraft about to violate our country's southern and northwest airspace to flee.

Gunfire mounted by the Islamic combatants on enemy positions and fortifications destroyed a number of trenches, some vehicles, one 120-mm mortar and a gun. More than 30 Iraqis were killed and a further 45 were injured.

In the Kermanshah region, artillery fire mounted by our self-sacrificing troops on Iraqi Army equipment destroyed one tank, a number of vehicles and several trenches. Six Iraqi troops were killed and a considerable number were injured. Losses and casualties inflicted on the enemy on the Dezful front include the destruction of one ammunition dump, large-caliber weapons, one 120--mm mortar position, two heavy machineguns and their crews, two tanks and one gun. A number of Iraqi aggressors were killed or injured.

On the Allaho Akbar front, Islam's combatants--with the support of God Almighty--are advancing. They have so far destroyed a considerable number of enemy tanks in this region and have taken nine enemy personnel prisoners.

Losses and casualties inflicted on the enemy following exchanges of artillery and heavy-weapon fire between our forces and that of the enemy in the Mahshahr front include destruction of 1 tank, 1 loader, 1 vehicle, 2 mortar positions, 13 trenches, 13 observation points, 1 Katyusha missile position and 4 ammunition dumps. A comparatively large number of Iraqi Armed Forces personnel were killed or injured on this front.

The aggressor enemy opened heavy-weapon fire on Abadan's civilian sectors, destroying four houses and injuring a number of our dear compatriots.

The valiant forces of the police opened fire on the Iraqi Armed Forces positions on the Abadan fronts and destroyed two trenches, one observation post and one mortar belonging to the Iraqi Ba'th mercenaries and set one of their ammunition tents on fire. In the course of these operations, three Iraqis were killed and a large number were severely injured. Our forces prevented the Iraqis from any movement along the Al-Faw-Basra road.

GUARDS SPOKESMAN: BOSTAN ABOUT TO BE LIBERATED

LD021934 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Excerpts] Dear listeners: The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps spokesman has just announced in an interview that Islam's combatants are about to liberate the strategic city of Bostan in Khuzestan Province. We draw your attention to this interview:

[Begin recording] [Unidentified correspondent] [Question] Mr Jazayeri, would you be good enough to elaborate on yesterday and today's operations?

[Jazayeri] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. The recent triumphs achieved at the war fronts are seen as the Islamic revolution's character. That means that while our people in the cities and the villages throughout Iran and in the battlefields are mourning the loss of two of the nation's best sons, our combatants are making epic efforts at the fronts.

The operations which were carried out by the Karkheh Kur or the Rud Khaneh-ye Karkheh were extremely successful operations. The enemy has suffered more than 150 dead and a large number have been taken prisoner. A large amount of battle equipment has been taken by us as spoils of war. Our operations on the Allaho Akbar front today were also very successful. We took more than 45 Iraqis prisoner, destroyed 10 Iraqi tanks and the good news which I can give you right now is that our combatants--the armed forces, the guards, the mobilization and other forces--are about to liberate Bostan from the Iraqi forces. In the western part of the country too, our brothers have advanced considerably on two fronts, fronts such as (Qaravi), [word indistinct]. The continuation of the Bazi Deraz operations means it is about to fall in our hands.

[Question] Would you inform us of your future programs?

[Answer] What we need is speed. If our Hezbollahi brothers and other devotees and those willing to fight could be sent to the fronts as soon as possible. [sentence as heard] I would like to point out that the mobilization headquarters, mosques and other headquarters are prepared to accept our brothers wishing to go to the fronts and will give them the necessary training. If our brothers did this our future victories could be achieved much quicker.

[Question] Would you be good enough to say whether the revolution guards had any role in protecting the Prime Ministry building?

[Answer] Unfortunately, the tragedy was great, but the public should be informed that the guards are not responsible for security in all places and centers. For example, the corps has no security role in the Islamic Republican headquarters. They had no security role in the Prime Ministry building either. There are one or two places where the corps plays a major security role, but we had no responsibility for security in those places. [end recording]

SHIRAZ REVOLUTION GUARDS TO HOLD MANEUVERS

GF021626 Shiraz Domestic Servicein Persian 1530 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Text] Maneuvers will be conducted in Shiraz tomorrow. The maneuvers will be conducted by the brother members of the Shiraz Islamic Revolution Guards Corps at the Shahid 'Abdollah Mesgar garrison and will last all day.

SHIRAZ-JAHROM ROAD DECLARED SAFE FOR TRAVELERS

GF021641 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1530 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Text] The Shiraz-Jahrom road is completely secure now, following the efforts of revolution guards and gendarmes. According to our correspondent, the seventh district of the Jahrom Islamic Revolution Guards Corps has announced that travelers on the road can feel completely safe at any time of the day or night.

ABADAN HOSPITAL ISSUES CALL FOR BLOOD DONORS

GF310703 Abadan NIOC Radio in Persian 0655 GMT 31 Aug 81

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] We apologize to the dear listeners of NIOC radio for the interruption in programming. We have been informed that the oil company hospital in Abadan is in urgent need of blood types O and A-positive. All those prepared to donate some of their blood are requested to go there.

NVOI: U.S. IS NO 1 ENEMY OF ISLAMIC REPUBLIC

TA022059 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 2 Sep 81

[Unattributed commentary: "Let Us Always Remember That America Is the No 1 Enemy of Our Nation"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: In connection with the martyrdom of the president and the prime minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran, once again the cry "Death to America!" echoes in every corner of our homeland. In response to the barbarous crime of the great Satan, the free Iranian people and the true forces of the revolution, through cries of "Death to America!" "Death to the great Satan!" are announcing their resolute determination to continue the struggle against this sole, principle enemy of the Iranian revolution.

Criminal America has once again committed the most barbarous crime against the Islamic Republic of Iran in the hope that terror and elimination of one or another government figure will succeed in altering the revolution's popular and anti-imperialist aims and in establishing its ominous domination over our liberated homeland--a desire it will undoubtedly take to the grave.

In connection with the martyrdom of the president and the prime minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran, some authorities and deputies of Iran's Islamic Consultative Assembly and the true forces of the revolution, in making known the identity of the primary element in this dreadful crime, criminal America, unanimously said that there can be only one response by the free Iranian people to this sole, principle enemy of the revolution: continuing the just and sacred struggles against the great Satan and its agents and mercenaries to the last breath.

It is an undeniable fact that world-devouring America is not refraining from hostility, provocation and sedition against revolutionary and free Iran. It is incumbent upon all government figures and officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran, upon all committed deputies of the Majlis, all true forces of the revolution and revolutionary institutions to watch the plots, provocations, conspiracies and subversions of world-devouring America, this sworn foe of the Iranian revolution, everywhere and at all times. They should never and under no circumstances forget the slogans "Death to the great Satan!" and "Death to America!" Particularly, one should watch the activities of certain individuals who are trying to consign to oblivion the slogan "Death to America!" These individuals--regardless of color and garb and rank and position--are enemies of the revolution. Unfortunately, many of them still hold high posts in government organizations.

Not a long time has passed since the bombing incident at the central office of the Islamic Republican Party of Iran, which resulted in the martyrdom of more than 72 of the officials and authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran. In those days, too, many government figures and deputies of the Islamic Consultative Assembly, by condemning this crime of the great Satan against the Islamic Republic of Iran, asked the struggling Iranian nation never to forget the slogan "Death of America!"

It was rightly said in those days that the great Satan is the sole, principle enemy of the revolution and its gains, and that those who have tried and are trying to somehow save world-devouring America from the blows of the struggles of the free Iranian people are the enemies of the revolution. At that time the slogan "Death to America!" echoed in the nooks and crannies of our homeland for several days. However, we are well aware, that once again certain mysterious hands installed in sensitive government centers moved to save their master, and after a short while this slogan was again consigned to oblivion.

Despite the attempt of the compromising liberals, the American Maoists, the pseudoclergy and other agents and mercenaries of world-devouring America, the new dreadful crime of the great Satan has once again drawn the attention of the government figures and officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the sole, principle enemy of revolutionary Iran. The slogan "Death to America!" again echoes from the massive demonstrations of people in front of the Islamic Consultative Assembly and other revolutionary institutions and is the current slogan of the free Iranian nation.

As the true forces of the revolution and leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran have repeatedly noted, world-devouring America is the sole principle enemy of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The sole aim of this bloodsucking enemy is the overthrow of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the establishment of its ominous and usurping domination over revolutionary Iran. Many sensitive government centers of the Islamic Republic of Iran are still in the hands of the masked agents of this great Satan, who are on one hand engaged in implementing the criminal plans of the great Satan against the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and on the other are striving to divert the just struggles of the free Iranian people against the great Satan. In order to promote this Satanic aim they resort to any trick, from using the slogan "Neither East nor West" and the word "superpowers" to distorting the facts for the benefit of world-devouring America and to the detriment of the true friends of the Iranian revolution.

It should not be [break in transmission] we recall only on the day when we are faced with its new dreadful crime. Rather, we should always, everywhere, and in all conditions, even for a single moment not forget that U.S. imperialism is the sole sworn enemy of the revolution and its gains. We should not ignore for one moment the struggle against this treacherous enemy.

If our homeland's public opinion and the attention of government figures and officials of the Islamic Republic is constantly devoted to this sworn enemy of the Iranian revolution, and if the slogan "Death to America!" continues to remain the current slogan of the Iranian nation, the great Satan and its multicolored agents will be deprived of the possibility of implementing any type of plot or sedition.

NEPAL

INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MEETS THAPA 31 AUG

BK311607 Katmandu External Service in English 1450 GMT 31 Aug 81

[Text] Foreign Minister of Indonesia Mokhtar Kusumaatmaja held official talks with Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa for 1 and 1/4 hours in a cordial atmosphere at the Foreign Ministry this afternoon. During the talks, which covered bilateral matters and international situation as well as the problems of Kampuchea, Afghanistan and the Middle East, there were similarity of views between the two sides. The talks also covered the possibility of bilateral cooperation for the mutual benefit of the people of the two countries and bilateral trade.

While Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa informed Kusumaatmaja about the efforts to step up mutual cooperation among the countries of South Asia, the Indonesian foreign minister informed Thapa about the activities of ASEAN. They also discussed the stepping up of understanding and cooperation between Nepal and ASEAN.

Earlier, on arrival in Katmandu today on a 3-day official visit to Nepal, the Indonesian foreign minister was welcomed at Tribhuvan Airport by Panchayat Local Development and Health Minister Nava Raj Subedi.

SRI LANKA

GOVERNMENT, TULF END THIRD ROUND OF TALKS

BK011203 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 1 Sep 81

[Text] The path was cleared for continuing dialogue between the government and the Tamil United Liberation Front [TULF] when State Minister Anandatissa de Alwis said at a news conference last night that a joint committee under the chairmanship of President Jayewardene had been agreed upon after the third round of talks.

At yesterday's discussion, the unfortunate loss of life and damage to property in various parts of the island during the last few months dominated the talks. Both parties agreed that a peaceful resolution of issues that led to the recent conflicts had to be sought. They also agreed to persuade all political parties to cooperate and contribute to end all forms of violence throughout the country and to concentrate their efforts toward a satisfactory working of the district development council.

Answering questions, De Alwis said that it is likely that the TULF boycott of Parliament would be over. He also said that the question of elam [separate state for Tamils]--was also a subject of discussion and further talks would follow on this basic issue. The committee will meet on September the 16th. Present at yesterday's meeting, chaired by President Jayewardene, was Prime Minister Premadasa, Foreign Minister A.C.S. Hameed, Ministers Cyril Mathew, K.W. Devanayagam, Lalith Athulathmudali, Nissanka Wijeratne, Gamini Dissanayaka, Ranil Wickremasinghe and Anandatissa de Alwis and opposition leader A. Amirthalingam and MP's (M. Sivisiperam) and (R. Sambanda). Also present at the talks were Professor (A.J. Wilson), political scientist attached to the New Brunswick University of Canada, and Doctor (Nilan Tiruchirva).

Initiating action, the president and the prime minister yesterday visited the Ja Ela, Ekala and Negombo areas to have a brief look at the damage caused. They will visit Ratnapura, Peramadulla and Balangoda tomorrow. They are expected to proceed to Jaffna when the president returns from his official visit to Saudi Arabia.